

IN THE ABSTRACT:

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An ingredient information management apparatus and method including receiving the menu information input through a member terminal, storing the menu information and amounts of ingredients necessary to prepare to cook each menu indicated in the menu information, searching out the ingredients and the amounts thereof corresponding to said menu information, and storing a sale unit for every ingredient. The apparatus and method further provides searching out the sale unit corresponding to the ingredient searched, comparing the amount of said ingredient searched with amounts of ingredients corresponding to the sale unit searched and outputting a result indicative thereof, and searching out menu information including said ingredient in case that the result indicates that the amount of said ingredient is less than said sale unit.